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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
VERONIQUE SOUSA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: C.M. ROLAND  
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FOR: PHASE CHANGE MEMORY ELEMENT WITH IMPROVED CYCLABILITY

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 9, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.